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John Comfort et al.

Application No.: 09/996,256	Art Unit: 3682
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In response to the Final Office Action dated July 14, 2003, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.



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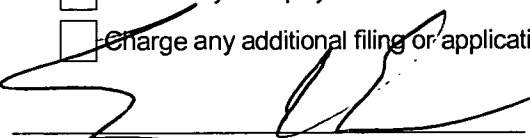
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